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CATALOGUE

OF

CHOICE FARM

AND

VEGETABLE SEEDS

For 1873.

JAMES R. V. HAWKINS,

Goshen, Orange County, N. Y.

CHARLES MEAD & SON, PRINTERS, GOSHEN,
1872.





Catalogue for 1873.

IN presenting my Catalogue of choice Farm and Vegetable Seeds, for 1873, I would take this opportunity of returning thanks to my friends for the liberal patronage I have heretofore received, and trust, by honorable dealing and strict attention to your orders, I may continue to receive a share of your favors in the future. Nearly all the seeds I offer were grown by me; what were not, I purchased from reliable seedsmen, with whom I have long dealt and from whom I have received only such as I could with confidence recommend. It is my rule to test all my seeds and never to send out any but what I am certain will vegetate freely and prove true to name. Nothing causes greater disappointment than poor seeds, for not only is the season lost if they fail to grow, but an inferior crop will not pay for the trouble of planting.

The Grain and Vegetable Seeds which I have for sale, are of the BEST QUALITY, and I intend to offer only such varieties as I believe to be valuable.

Samples of Grain will be sent to any address on receipt of stamps for postage, and *all orders will be filled with Grain as good in every respect and as well cleaned as the samples. I guarantee that all Seeds sold by me, shall be true to name, and that they shall reach my customers safely.*

All money for seeds may be sent at my risk, if forwarded according to the following directions: In all cases remit either by Post Office Money Order, (payable at Goshen, N. Y.) Registered Letter or Cashier's Check; small sums, \$2 or less, may be enclosed in a letter and sent at my risk.

The remittance must in all cases accompany the order, except when seeds are ordered by Express, C. O. D., in which case the cost of collection and return charges on the money will be added to the bill.

At the prices given I furnish packages, and deliver Grain and Potatoes at Railroad or Express Office, free of charge, but do not pay freight or express charges. All four pound packages or less quantity will be sent by mail *postpaid*.

Be sure to sign your name and write Name, Post Office, County and State PLAINLY.

This Catalogue will be sent to all who will favor me with their address.

JAMES R. V. HAWKINS,
Goshen, N. Y.

CHOICE FARM SEEDS.

SEED CORN.

Most farmers are well aware of the advantages arising from change of seed. In most cases the increase in the first crop will more than repay the cost of the seed, even when no better varieties than those formerly cultivated are obtained. The seed I offer is from selected ears and well ripened.

Hawkin's Improved Field Corn. This new and desirable variety originated on the farm of James Hawkins, Hamptonburgh, Orange Co., N. Y., and is the result of "Hybridization" and careful selection for many years. The success in improving and perfecting this valuable variety is attributed in a great degree to the manner of selecting the seed. I claim that Hawkin's Improved Field Corn will produce larger and handsomer ears and more sound corn to the acre, with same soil and treatment, than any variety grown, yielding from 150 to 225 bushels of ears per acre. Yield the past season on 7 acres, 1300 bushels of ears. Ripening from 1st to 10th of September; ears long and well filled, eight rowed, kernel dark yellow, stalk five to six feet high. Per bushel \$3; half bushel \$1.75; peck \$1; quart, by mail, 75 cents.

Cooley's Early White Field Corn. This is a new variety. It is claimed by the originator to be very early and productive. I have raised it but one year and can say but little about it from experience. It ripened about the 1st of September. Stalks large, kernel deep and very compact on the ear. Quart by mail, 50 cts.; per peck, 75 cents; per bushel, \$2.

Sanford Corn. This is a new variety of White Corn, concerning which considerable interest has been felt for the past two or three years. The cob is small and the kernels large and compact on the ear; the stalks are large and bear a great quantity of leaves and appear to be of a superior quality. I think it will be found desirable for soiling; ripens from 10th to 15th of September; per bushel, \$2; half bushel, \$1.25; peck, 75 cents.

Golden Drop. Ears small, eight rowed, cob small, kernel of a rich yellow color and very compact on the ear; stalks from four to five feet high; very early, usually ripening in August. Per bushel, \$2; half bushel, \$1.25; peck, 75 cents.

Mammoth Dent. Very productive; stalks large, ears large, and well filled at both ends, grain deep, from 20 to 30 rowed. Per bushel, \$2; half bushel, \$1.25; peck, 75 cents.

SWEET CORN.

Moore's Early Concord Sweet. The best, and one of the earliest varieties in cultivation. This excellent variety was raised by the well known horticulturist, Capt. J. B. Moore, of Concord, Mass. It is a cross between Crosbey's Early and Burr's Improved, the former the most popular early, and the latter the best late variety we have. Stocks strong, stocky and vigorous, growing from six to seven feet

high, ears set rather low on the stalk, and having from twelve to sixteen usually, and occasionally twenty rows on the ear; color, when fit for the table, very white and handsome; size of ears large—considerably larger than the Crosby and superior to any other either for the market or family use, and very productive; it also matures earlier than any other variety of equal size, which will make it very desirable for the market garden. Select ears, 15 cts; per packet, 15 cts; quart, 50 cts; peck, \$1.50; bushel, \$4.

Evergreen Sweet. The latest, and said to be the sweetest variety. One stalk will produce three to five ears, some of which will keep green until frost comes; cob medium size, white; kernels small, deep and frequently irregular in the rows. Per package, 10 cts; quart, 40 cts; peck, \$1.

Farmers' Club Sweet. Comes to the table in seventy to seventy-five days. Ears of the best table size, with eight regular rows; kernels large and white, very tender, sweet, and of unsurpassed creamy flavor, and retains these qualities longer than any other variety. Per package, 10 cts; quart, 30 cts; peck, \$1.

Mexican. Very tender, sweet. Per package, 10 cents.

White Pop Corn. An excellent variety for parching. Per package, 10 cents; per quart 40 cents.

New Joint Parching. A new and very prolific variety, often producing six ears on a single stalk. Per package, 10 cents.

Rice Parching. Kernels somewhat rice-shaped; a desirable variety. Per packet, 10 cents.

OATS.

White Probsteyer Oats. These are a German oat, well adapted to this climate, and so far have not shown that inclination to deteriorate or run out that is usually exhibited by other heavier varieties. It is taller than the common variety, of strong, rank growth, the leaves being very long and wide and of an unusually dark green color; the straw is coarse and strong and not liable to lodge; it is a Bush Oat, the grain being distributed on all sides of the heads which are large and well filled; the kernels are large and plump, and enveloped in a soft, thin, white husk; it ripens two or three days later and yields much better than the common variety; the yield has varied from 56 to 104 bushels per acre, the average for seven years being a little over 76 bushels per acre; they sometimes weigh 39 lbs. per bushel, what I have for sale weigh 36 lbs. per bushel. The stiff, strong straw, the large kernels and thin husks, and the great productiveness of the Probsteyer Oats are qualities that are not often found combined in one variety, and altogether render them well worthy the attention of every farmer. Per bushel, (32 lbs.) \$1.25; half bushel, 75 cts; quart, by mail, 60 cents.

NEW AND CHOICE POTATOES.

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for the Mercer was a later potatoe, this being as early as the Early Rose. So we have named it the Carpenter Seedling in honor of the propagator of the plants from which these several varieties originated, and we now offer it to the public as yielding the palm to none of our standard varieties as to quality, productiveness and beauty. When tested last year with fourteen of our best varieties, it surpassed them all in productiveness, even the famous Early Rose its parent, twenty per cent; Late Rose, seventeen per cent, and the Peerless twenty per cent. Its yield was at the rate of 588 bushels per acre, of fine sized marketable potatoes. It has never shown any sign of rot and retains its quality perfectly throughout the year.—Those who have grown it the past year, pronounce it just what we want. It took the first premium at the Orange County Fair and a special premium at the Newburgh Bay Horticultural Fair last fall.—Four pounds, by mail, \$1; per peck, \$2; per bushel, \$5; per bbl. \$10.

Ice Cream. A new and valuable seedling raised by Mr. A. N. House, of Chester, N. Y., "The Prize Potatoe Grower of Orange Co." in 1870, from a seed ball of the Early Rose fertilized with the pollen of the Excelsior. Vines of medium height, somewhat spreading; it is a late potatoe, ripening about the same time as the Peerless, fully as productive and far superior to it in quality, flesh very white, dry white and flowery, an excellent keeper, and is in every way a most promising variety. As the stock is limited it will be sent only by the pound. One pound 75 cents, four pounds \$2, by mail post paid.

Campbell's Late Rose. This is a new variety raised from the seed balls of the Early Rose, by G. W. Campbell, Delaware, Ohio, and sent out by him last season. In form and appearance it is much like the Early Rose, a little more variable in shape, flesh white, fine grained. The tubers grow in a cluster, close around the stem; stalks stout and upright. One pound 50 cents four pounds \$1.

Late Rose. This valuable variety, first offered in the fall of 1871, has been largely cultivated the past season in various parts of the country, and has given universal satisfaction. It is not a seedling, but a sprout of the Early Rose, which has maintained its distinctive characteristics for four years. It ripens two or three weeks later than the Early Rose, and has proven to be much more propuctive—yielding the past season from two hundred and fifty to three hundred bushels to the acre. It is also hardier, healthier, and a better keeper, retaining its good quality until new potatoes come. In quality, color and shape there is but little, if any, difference between the two varieties, excepting when first dug the seed end of the Late Rose is of a deeper red, it also grows to a larger size. A first class winter potato of the eating quality of the Early Rose combined with the keeping qualities of the Peach Blow. Four pounds, by mail, \$1; per peck, \$1; per bushel, \$2; per bbl., \$4.

Early Rose. This was the first of Mr. Bresee's seedlings, and has been before the public for the past five years, during which time it has attained a popularity unrivalled in the history of the potato.—Per peck, 75cts.; per bushel, \$1; per bbl., \$3.

King of the Earlies, Bresee's No. 4. From a week to ten days earlier than the Early Rose; vines quite dwarf; tubers large and handsome, roundish, and slightly flattened; eyes small and somewhat pinkish; skin flesh color, or dull, pinkish white; flesh white, floury; cooks well. On account of the dwarf habit of the vines they can be planted much closer, both in hills and drills, than any other variety. Four

pounds, by mail, \$1; per peck, 75cts.; per bushel, \$2; per bbl., \$4.

Bresee's Peerless. The latest and best of all of Mr. Bresee's seedlings for the main crop. Skin dull white, occasionally russeted; eyes shallow, oblong; flesh white, mealy. Grows to a large size, often weighing from one and a half to two pounds, and enormously productive. Four pounds, by mail, \$1; per peck, 75cts.; per bushel, \$1.50; per bbl., \$3.

Excelsior, Climax, Goodrich, Mercer, and all the leading varieties, at the market price.

Orders will be booked, and the potatoes sent as soon as danger of frost is passed.

VEGETABLE SEEDS.

At the prices given in the following list, all packets, ounces, pounds, pints and quarts of seeds will be sent by mail to any part of the United States *free of postage*. Larger quantities will be sent by Express at the expense of the purchaser.

Persons ordering from this list may select seeds in *packets* to the amount of \$1.10 for each dollar forwarded. This offer applies only to seeds in *packets*, and does *not* apply to seeds by the ounce, pound, or larger quantities.

BEANS (Dwarf or Bush.)

	Pkt.	Qt.	Peck.
<i>Early Valentine.</i> Early and productive, pods tender and succulent,	10c.	30c.	\$1.75
<i>Early Mohawk.</i> One of the hardiest and most productive of the dwarf varieties; seeds variegated with drab, purple and brown,	10c.	30c.	\$1.75
<i>Black Wax.</i> A new variety of great merit, highly recommended as a String Bean. Pods transparent, waxy yellow, thick, and very tender,	10c.	40c.	\$3.00

BEANS (Pole or Running.)

<i>Giant Wax.</i> A new pole bean, with pods six to nine inches long, thick and fleshy, of a pale yellow color and waxy appearance; the seeds are red, and perfectly tender, and may be used as Snap Beans,	15c.	75c.	
<i>Large Lima.</i> None equal this as a shell bean; very rich and finely flavored. In planting the Lima place the eye downward.	10c.	40c.	\$3.00

BEEETS.

<i>Dark Red Egyptian Turnip.</i> A new and excellent sort from Egypt; in form like the Dutch Early Turnip.— Good form; <i>early, very dark and of fine flavor,</i>	Pkt. 5c.	oz. 25c.	
	Pkt. Oz.	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb.	1b.
<i>Early Blood Turnip.</i> The standard early sort.— Blood red, turnip shaped, with small top, tap-root, very tender, good for early use and late keeping,	5c.	15c.	35c. \$1.00
<i>Long Blood Red.</i> The common long winter variety; deep red, grows to a large size, mostly in the ground; is sweet, tender, and keeps well,	5c.	15c.	35c. \$1.00

	Pkt.	Oz.	½lb.	1lb.
<i>Mangel Wurtzel.</i> Long red. For cattle; yields largely,	5c.	10c.	25c.	75c.
<i>Mangel Wurtzel.</i> Yellow Globe. A large, round, orange-colored variety, excellent quality, keeps better than the Long Red, and produces better crops on shallow soil,	5c.	10c.	25c.	75c.
<i>Red Globe.</i> Differing from the preceeding only in color,	5c.	10c.	25c.	75c.

CABBAGE.

	Pkt.	Oz.
<i>Early Wyman.</i> A new early variety, and spoken of by the market gardeners in the neighborhood of Boston as being "one of the best and most profitable early market cabbages grown." Very early, large size and finest quality,	20c.	\$1.50
<i>Early York.</i> An old and popular variety; one of the earliest and best,	5c.	20c.
<i>True Jersey Wakefield.</i> This is a favorite variety with the market gardeners in the vicinity of New York. It is early, of medium size, good quality, and sure to head,	15c.	\$1.00
<i>Fottler's Improved Brunswick.</i> This is without exception the best Early Drumhead variety in the market, coming in just after the Early Wyman. On good soil every plant produces a good, firm, solid head, of excellent quality, often weighing from twenty to thirty pounds,	10c.	75c.
<i>Premium Flat Dutch.</i> A low growing variety; heads large bluish green, round, solid, broad and flat on the top, and often tinted with red and brown. As a winter variety it has no superior,	10c.	40c.
<i>Drumhead Savory.</i> Head large, round, compact, yellowish at the center, and a little flattened; excellent for winter,	10c.	30c.

CARROT.

<i>Short Horn.</i> The standard early variety; sweeter than Long Orange, and more solid,	5c.	15c.
<i>Long Orange.</i> The standard field carrot,	5c.	10c.

CAULIFLOWER.

<i>Half Early Paris.</i> One of the most popular varieties in cultivation; heads very white, compact, of delicious flavor, sure to head, and good for an early or late variety,	25c.	\$1.50
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CELERY.

<i>Boston Market.</i> Solid, tender and crisp. It is grown almost exclusively by Boston market gardeners, and surpasses any other for excellent qualities,	10c.	50c.
<i>White Solid.</i> This variety is most commonly grown; clear white, solid, crisp,	10c.	30c.

CRESS, OR PEPPERGRASS.

The leaves while young have a warm, pungent taste, and are eaten as a salad, either separately or mixed with lettuce, 10c. 50c.

CUCUMBER.

<i>Improved Early White Spine, or Boston Market;</i> the best sort for the table,	10c.	30c.
<i>Long Green Prickley.</i> An excellent variety, a good bearer,		

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about a foot in length, dark green, firm and crisp, makes a beautiful pickle,	5c.	20c.
<i>Early Green Cluster.</i> Grows in clusters; early and productive,	5c.	15c.
<i>Early Russian.</i> The earliest in cultivation, bearing at least ten days before the <i>Early Cluster</i> , but is smaller and shorter, being only about 3 inches long when fit for use. It makes very small pickles,	10c.	20c.

EGG PLANT.

<i>New York Improved Purple.</i> One of the largest and best varieties. Oval shaped, of a dark purple color, fine flavored. Grown extensively,	10c.	75c.
<i>Pekin New Black.</i> An entirely new and distinct kind, from China. The plant grows erect and handsome, attaining the height of two or three feet, with rich, dark, bronzy-purple foliage, very ornamental. The fruits are round, of a deep purple—almost black, weighing 4 to 8 pounds each, skin smooth and glossy. Exceedingly prolific, and as early as the <i>Long Purple</i> . The flesh is white, fine grained, and more delicate flavored than the old varieties,	25c.	\$1.00

LETTUCE.

<i>Boston Curled.</i> A variety of great beauty and of very superior quality. The elegant frilling of the leaves, and fine form, make it very attractive; flavor very fine,	10c.	40c.
<i>Early Curled Simpson.</i> Very early, and an excellent sort for forcing,	10c.	40c.
<i>Tennis Ball.</i> One of the earliest and best heading varieties,	10c.	40c.

MARTYNIA.

A hardy annual plant the seed pods of which, if picked when green and tender, make excellent pickles,	10c.
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MELON (Water.)

	Pkt.	Oz.	½lb.
<i>Mountain Sweet.</i> Leading market sort; flesh scarlet, solid, sweet and delicious,	5c.	10c.	30c.
<i>Black Spanish.</i> Oblong, very dark green, with scarlet flesh and black seeds. Very thin rind, rich, sugary flavor,	10c.	15c.	50c.
<i>Citron.</i> For preserving. Grows round and smooth, striped and marbled with light green,	5c.	15c.	
<i>Mammoth Citron.</i> Grows to weigh from 40 to 60 pounds, not as good for preserving as the preceeding,	10c.		

MELON (Musk.)

	Pkt.	Oz.
<i>Cassaba.</i> A new, large, oblong variety; when well grown weighs from 10 to 15 pounds. Flesh yellowish green, rich, very sweet, melting and delicious,	10c.	25c.
<i>Green Citron.</i> A handsome, roundish fruit, flattened at the ends and roughly netted all over; flesh thick, green, sweet, and high flavored,	5c.	15c.
<i>Skillman's Fine Netted.</i> A small, rough-netted variety; flesh green, very thick, firm, sugary, of the most delicious flavor,	5c.	20c.

OKRA.

<i>Improved Dwarf Green.</i> Small, green, and round, smooth pods,	5c.	10c.
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	Pkt. Oz. $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. lb.
<i>Long Green.</i> Long, ribbed pods,	5c. 10c.

ONION.

<i>Early Red.</i> This variety was produced by selecting for a series of years the earliest for seed. In size and shape it is very much like the Danvers Yellow; close grained and heavy, ripens last of July, productive and keeps well,	10, 20, 75, 2.50
<i>Large Red Wethersfield.</i> It grows to a large size, deep red, thick, pleasant flavored,	10, 15, 50, 1.50
<i>Danvers Yellow.</i> Form globular; ripens early and well; is very productive and of excellent quality; long keeper,	10, 25, 75, 2.50
<i>White Portugal.</i> A mild and desirable summer variety; grows to a good size,	10, 30, 1.00, 3.00

PARSLEY.

	Pkt. Oz.
<i>Curled, or Double.</i> Leaves yellowish green and very beautifully crimped and curled; used principally as a garnish for the table,	10c. 15c.
<i>Champion Moss Curled Parsley.</i> This is the perfection of curled-Parsley for garnishing purposes, it is not to be surpassed,	10c. 25c.
<i>Plain Parsley.</i> Leaves dark green, plain, longer than the Curled and better flavored for seasoning,	5c. 10c.

PARSNIP.

<i>Long Smooth, or Hollow Crowned.</i> Roots long, white, smooth, free from side roots, tender, sugary, and excellent flavored, keeps well through the winter,	5c. 10c.
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PEPPER.

<i>Sweet Mountain, or Mammoth.</i> Very large, excellent for mangoes,	10c. 50c.
<i>Sweet Spanish.</i> One of the largest, as well as one of the earliest; flesh sweet, mild and pleasant; used for salads and pickling,	10c. 40c.

PEAS (First—Early.)

	Pkt. Qt. Pk.
<i>Carter's First Crop.</i> It has proven to be the earliest Pea grown; very prolific; height $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet,	10, 40, 2.50
<i>McLean's Little Gem.</i> The very best early dwarf wrinkled Pea grown; height 1 foot,	10, 50, 3.50
<i>McLean's Advancer.</i> A wrinkled Pea; about a fortnight earlier than Champion of England, equal to it in quality, fully as productive, while it grows but two-thirds as high,	10, 40, 2.50

SECOND CROP.

<i>Laxton's Prolific Early Long Pod.</i> Highly recommended by the English as a very prolific long podded variety,	10, 40, 2.50
<i>Bishop's Dwarf.</i> A productive variety of dwarf habit, early and good; 1 foot,	10, 40, 2.50

MAIN CROP.

<i>Champion of England.</i> A standard and popular variety, delicious flavor,	10, 40, 2.00
<i>Peabody.</i> A very dwarf, prolific, branching, late varie-	



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I append some extracts from persons who have tested this Potato:

I have grown your valuable seedling of the Early Rose, named Carpenter's Seedling, the past season, and find it to be the earliest and best family potato I have ever grown. I can safely recommend them to all lovers of good potatoes.

EDWARD C. ARMSTRONG.

Warwick, N. Y., Jan. 4th, 1873.

We have tried the sample of potatoes (Carpenter's Seedling) for baking, and think them very good.

B. K. BLISS & SONS.

New York, Oct. 17th, 1872.

This is to certify that I have grown the Carpenter Seedling the past season, and think they surpass all other varieties as to productiveness and eating qualities, and wish nothing better in the potato line.

JOHN M. BROWER.

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